

## **Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, 17 October 2012

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Place: Cross Office Building, Rm. 104, Augusta

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### **AGENDA**

#### **Attending:**

**Ken Murchison, Dan Walters, Christopher Kroot, Aimee Mountain, Vinton Valentine on phone  
Michael Smith, Joe Young, John Giles, Brian Norris on site**

**Guests: John Cassidy**

1. Introductions total of 9, quorum met
2. Approval of September meeting minutes – Chair. Aimee still working on them. Tabled.
3. Membership Update
  - o County Seat - Susan Bulay, Penobscot County (was on steering committee) is willing to be on board if we contact her. Association of Counties. Who will reach out to her? Maine county commissioners association Board needs to nominate
  - o Utilities Seat Alina Taus, who was here last time, not present today
  - o Municipal Seat - Steve will take that, is now in the Public seat, so then Public seat will be open
4. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
  - Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters
  - Visited MMA and MSLS Fall meeting
  - Claire spoke about it at URISA, NE position is open
  - Lewiston Auburn waiting to see if the County will come on board.
  - Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc on board with positive feedback
  - Waldo, and one other county...
    - o NEARC Booth – schedule staffing time - Mike will send an email out to ask members for times that they can attend the booth to speak about the Geolibrary and MEGUG, this is separate from Woolpert's booth
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  - GeoParcels – Mike Smith
    - o Parcels contract update – Mike Smith - Spatial Alternatives delivery in, now 4 out of 6 deliveries have been made. Some towns still haven't provided data. Some towns choosing not to participate
    - o 114 communities were originally ID'd. About 2/3rds delivered.
    - o Some communities feel that property information on the web may be detrimental
    - o John Giles spoke to some of the registrars - regarding Mylar
    - o
  - Education & Training – Vinton Valentine

MEGUG Fall Conference held on Friday 21 Sep, Baxter State Park HQ, Millinocket. Forty-eight people registered. Forestry and wildlife related. About 15 students from UMFK attended with registration generously paid by Irving. Mike Smith noted that the participants were encouraged to see that MEGUG was focused on their field as well as the municipal and government activities.

New England - Saint Lawrence Valley Geographical Society (NESTVAL) Annual Conference 2012 at University of Maine, Farmington on 19-20 Oct.

Fall 2012 Northeast Arc User Group (NEARC) conference on 11-14 Nov. GIS Educators Day, which is an expanded version of the Annual GIS Educators in Maine conference for this year, starts off the event at the Camden Opera House in Camden on Sunday, 11 Nov. The bulk of the conference occurs at Samoset Resort in Rockland (Sun, 11 Nov afternoon registration and Welcome Social, main schedule Mon – Weds, 12 – 14 Nov). Esri is offering a post-conference workshop for NEARC registrants on Wed, 14 Nov, entitled Introduction to Python for ArcGIS 10.1. There is no charge to attend this first come, first served workshop but pre-registration is required.

GIS Day (Wed, 14 Nov 2012) events also will be occurring during the week of 11 Nov, also known as Geography Awareness Week. At USM, Dr. Sam Merrill, Director of New England Environmental Finance Center housed at Muskie School of Public Service, is scheduled to speak about his GIS-based economic impact tool called COAST on Tues evening, 13 Nov on the USM Portland Campus. Details to come.

Christopher Kroot noted that the National Alliance of Public Safety GIS (NAPSG) will be attending NEARC 2012. Their objective is to start a regional team and begin offering training options within the region.

#### •Geospatial Data – Dan Walters

- o Ortho update – Federal funding. USGS is focusing funding on LiDAR. Only orthoimagery funding is going to NGA program. Augusta capital area is funded which is about 20k. Otherwise USGS is not providing national funding for orthos. Thus Imagery for the Nation becomes NAIP. Only 800k available from USGS to the NAIP program nationally. Dan will keep pressing Federal Agencies, but not optimistic. This is a serious problem because this program was expected to be 1/3 federally funded. We will need to regroup and revise plan.
- o LiDAR update - USGS has switched gears and is focusing on funding LiDAR.
- o Joe suggests drafting a congressional letter. Joe will pass draft to Board.
- o Dan Walters suggested looking for State channeled Fed funding like DOT, agriculture, etc. Meet with State Agencies and let them know the problem we face
- o Budgets are tight all around.
- o John Giles raised idea of collecting both at same time. But that's not usually logistically feasible.

Orthos - 24 inch data passed, a few issues with the 6 inch data, sent back to Woolpert for finalizing. Mike has URL for Board to look at data if we'd like.

LiDAR - looking for national update within next several years. We should start planning next phases. Dan thinks regional approach has a better chance for funding. New England and NY. Discussion on Monday at NEARC, all state coordinators in NE will attend. Woolpert has the data to show what has been done. Joe, Mike and Dan to review map of what's been done and what new to be done.

John - what are the drivers for LiDAR inland? 750 page report on the National LiDAR program proposal National Enhanced Data Elevation study.  
NEA study link and above links to be sent to Board by Dan

#### 5. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – Chair not here
  - o Budget Retreat – set date? Mike will ask Steve to set a date

- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine - no changes
- Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot
- GeoPortal Update and Discussion – Future of the Portal
- Mike: USM hosting funds have dried up, some thinking to do
- Christopher: GeoLibrary cannot afford its own portal. Need a free place to put the metadata. , [geodata.gov](http://geodata.gov) primarily for fed data that are nationwide, not designed for State data unless the State data is of Fed significance
- Currently no way to store the metadata that goes with the orthos, at least until March because ArcGIS online does not yet have that capability.
- Christopher is researching alternatives.
- Unless we can find someone willing to put forward the cost of hardware and software...
- Dan: would RAMONA work? Is anyone familiar with it? [GISINVENTORY.NET](http://GISINVENTORY.NET)
- [geoplatform.gov](http://geoplatform.gov)? Need to look at policies for states. 1000 feature limit for the creation of a webmap
- Ability to link shape files to the metadata files is limited
- Joe: should we be giving up on the idea of a portal or should we put together a budget showing what is needed?
- Is it worth hosting our own metadata portal?
- Mike: it was originally tied to Board identity, now the programs are the identity.
- Christopher: set up a group called the Maine Geographic Library, may need to reduce functionality
- John : originally it was a way to catalog what is available
- Remember Geospatial one stop? Dan feels that the data there was migrated to [geodata.gov](http://geodata.gov) and [geoplatform.gov](http://geoplatform.gov)
- ERT, Inc runs the site for USGS, Melissa Wegner
- Chris feels that we can find a place to put this data

#### 6. Guest Comments - none

#### 7. Recommendations for Next Agenda

- Date of next meeting? Combine the nov & dec meetings into one on the 5th or 12th of Dec
- No other business

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday, 5 December 2012, 10am – 12:30pm, Cross Office Building, Rm. 104, Augusta.